Preliminary discussions have been held with the World Bank on a possible sectoral loan connected with the agricultural sector. Specific details are, however, not available, at this stage.

Control of Smuggling of Gold

5491. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether smuggling of gold has been controlled with the introduction of the scheme to allow gold import into the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated amount involved in the smuggling; and

(d) what steps are being taken to control smuggling ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Considering the quantum of illicit import of gold on payment of duty and the volume of seizures of contraband gold during the last two years, the scheme to allow gold import appears to have had an impact on the quantum of smuggling;

The details of gold seized during the years 1992 and 1993 are given below :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Quantity (in kgs.)	Value
1992	2957.548	126.45
1993	1372.247	59.13

(c) smuggling being a clandestine activity it is not possible to state with certainty the quantum of smuggling.

(d) agencies of Central and State governments engaged in the task of prevention and detection of smuggling are alert to contain all smuggling including smuggling of gold. They are being equipped with better means to combat smuggling.

Presidents/Chairmen of Stock Exchanges

5492. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the Presidents/Chairmen of Stock Exchanges of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Ahmedabad during the last three years;

(b) whether the Presidents/Chairmen were members of the Boards of Directors of Companies whose shares are listed on the respective Stock Exchanges; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to enquire as to whether these Presidents/Chairmen or the members of their families sold or purchased share of those companies during their respective tenures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) There is no proposal with the Government at present to make such an enquiry.

Statement

Names of the Presidents of Stock Exchanges

Year	Bombay	Calcutta	Madras	Ahmedabad
1991-92	Shri Hemendra Kothari	Shri Ajit Dav	Shri V. Ganesan	Shri K. K. Shah
1992-93	Shri G. B. Desai	Shri D. K. Khandelwal	--do--	Shri M. L. Parekh
1993-94	--do--	Shri S. L. Bardhan	Dr. S. Venkataramanan	--do--